

PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1952, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,350,000, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

MAY 27 (legislative day, MAY 12), 1952.—Read; referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, May 27, 1952.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of the Congress a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1952, in the amount of \$1,350,000, for the Department of the Interior.

The details of this proposed appropriation, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for its submission at this time are set forth in the attached letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington 25, D. C., May 27, 1952.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1952, in the amount of \$1,350,000, for the Department of the Interior as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

EMERGENCY FLOOD AND STORM REPAIRS

To enable the Secretary of the Interior to reimburse applicable appropriations for the cost of personnel, supplies, and facilities, diverted for the repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of structures, buildings, or other facilities, including equipment, damaged or destroyed by flood or storm, \$1,350,000, to remain available until June 30, 1953.

The foregoing proposed supplemental appropriation is necessary to finance extraordinary costs involved in the repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior damaged by flood or storm during recent months. The principal causes of damage were the disastrous floods in the Missouri and Mississippi River drainage areas.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs suffered damages to irrigation projects in Montana, and damages to roads, bridges, buildings, and other facilities in other States. The Milk River, Mont., and Buford-Trenton projects, Bureau of Reclamation, were damaged. Many gaging stations of the Geological Survey located in the flood area were damaged or destroyed. In the area involved the Fish and Wildlife Service maintains numerous wildlife facilities. The floods carried away bridges, damaged or destroyed dikes, washed away sections of roads, and wrought havoc to other facilities.

The submission of this estimate has been delayed pending completion of appraisal of damages and the preparation of estimates for rectifying such damages.

I recommend that the foregoing proposed supplemental appropriation be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully yours,

F. J. LAWTON,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

